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SUBJ: TRANSPORT MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

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1. SWISS DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) POLICY
AIMS AT RECONCILING PRESSING DEMANDS FOR SERVICE
AND ROUTES WITH REQUIREMENTS TO PRESERVE LAND
AND PROTECT ENVIRONMENT. AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION
IS INCREASED COMPETITION BETWEEN ROAD AND RAIL
TRANSPORT. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO SATISFY
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF PUBLIC, INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE WHILE ASSURING RATIONAL USE OF AVAILABLE
SYSTEMS. FEDERAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION IS DEVEL-
OPING PROPOSALS TO MEET THESE AIMS.

2. RAILROADS: SWISS ARE ASSURING SAFE AND
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR INCREASING INTERNATIONAL
TRANSIT TRAFFIC. SOUTHBOUND RAIL CAPACITY WILL
BE INCREASED, ESPECIALLY THROUGH SAINT GOTHARD,
LOETSCHBERG AND SIMPLON TUNNELS. COMBINED ROAD/
RAIL SYSTEMS WILL BE IMPROVED TO ACCOMMODATE HEAVIEST
LOADS ADMITTED IN EC MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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3. ROADS: NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM IS HALF COM-
PLETED. REMANINDER IS SUBJECT OF LONG-TERM PLANNING,
ACCIDENT PREVENTION POLICY AIMS AT MEETING CHANGING
ROAD CONDITIONS AND INCLUDES TRAINING, PUBLIC
INFO AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
IN TRANSPORTATION MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

4. AVIATION: AIRPORTS AT BASEL/MULHOUSE, GENEVA AND ZURICH ARE BEING ENLARGED WITH FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO HANDLE INCREASED AIR TRAFFIC. AIR TRANSPORT SECURITY POLICY IS AIMED AT DETERRING TERRORISTS AND REDUCING POSSIBILITY FOR SUCCESSFUL TERRORIST ACTS. OTHER EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED TOWARD IMPROVING SECURITY EFFICIENCY IN MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS, AND FREIGHT AT GENEVA AND ZUIRHC.

5. SWISS OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY: FEDERAL COUNCILOR WILLI RITSCHARD, HEAD OF DOT; HANS-WERNER BINZ, GENERAL SECRETARY, DOT; PETER TRACHSEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, DOT; ALOIS HUERLIMANN, CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLANNING COMMISSION; CARL HIDBER, STAFF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLANNING COMMISSION; DR WERNER GULDIMANN, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL AIR OFFICE, DOT; FEDERAL COUNCILOR KURT FURGLER, HEAD OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRISIS TASK FORCE ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS AIRCRAFT HIJACKING.
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